

**Common Course Outline**  
**CRJU/POLS 204**  
**Comparative Crime and Criminal Justice**  
**3 Semester Hours**

**Community College of Baltimore County**

**Description**

**CRJU 204 – 3 Credits – Comparative Crime and Criminal Justice** compares the structure and operation of the government, police, courts and corrections of various countries. In addition, the course examines international substantive criminal law and criminal procedural law, response to crime, and international government and police cooperation.

**Prerequisites: ACLT 052 or ACLT 053 and CRJU 101 or consent of the instructor.**

**Overall Course Objectives**

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. describe the origins of the comparative study of criminal justice;
2. analyze transnational criminal justice in various countries and compare the operation and structure of the system;
3. describe globalization and how international crime has impacted the criminal justice system;
4. discuss the components of the global criminal justice system including the role of the police, the operation of the courts and the correctional philosophies which guide public safety;
5. discuss crime as a global phenomenon and the legal and social problems that challenge the international criminal justice system;
6. identify and compare the essential elements of various crimes worldwide;
7. examine global crime statistics through the use of UCR, NCS and self report surveys;
8. analyze and compare international “search and seizure” and criminal procedure;
9. examine the history and functions of intercontinental police;
10. examine and evaluate global policing issues and trends;
11. examine the trial and post-trial process worldwide, including the role of the prosecutor and defense attorney; and
12. analyze and compare the history and functions of corrections.

**Major Topics**

- I. International Crime Data
- II. Families of Law
- III. Model Countries
- IV. Policing
- V. Criminal Procedure
- VI. Legal Professionals
- VII. Courts

- VIII. Punishment
- IX. Corrections
- X. Transnational Organized Crime and Drug Trafficking

### **Course Requirements**

Grading/exams: Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member but will include the following:

Written Assignments to include:

- A 3-5 page paper outlining the structure and function of their ideal police department. Since this course examines various countries, students must extract ideas from various countries to formulate their own ideal system.
- Students will select a serial killer, mass murderer, or highly publicized killer from one of the countries studied, excluding the United States. Students will prepare a 2-3 page paper discussing how the courts handled the case.

Test/quizzes: There should be at least 2 exams and 2 quizzes.

Writing: The individual faculty member will determine additional writing assignments but will include the above assignment at a minimum.

### **Other Course Information**

This course is a Criminal Justice and Political Science elective. Credit may be received for CRJU 204 or POLS 204 but not both.

It may have a study abroad component where students will receive project based, service learning in one of the Model Countries studied during the semester.